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Payouts to past officials questioned

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva has discovered records showing unauthorized payouts made by former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards that officials say undermine the township health care compensation commitment and could be illegal.

Vorva said the payments totaling nearly $20,000 were authorized by Edwards and the funds were deposited into four individuals' respective health savings accounts and labeled as "Retiree Health Care Contributions."

> *"There has been no authorization for this (enrollment) and we can't find any justification.*

According to accounting records and check receipts obtained by The Eagle under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), former Supervisor Shannon Price, Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Deputy Clerk Michelle Lozier and current and former Deputy Treasurer Amy Hammye were recipients of the questionable benefits.

The township practice of offering health insurance benefits to eligible retired full-time elected officials is based in part on their respective years of service, Vorva explained. In addition, Vorva said a program for supplemental health savings accounts (HSA), governed by VantagePoint Benefit Administrators, is also available to employees and subject to eligibility rules.

According to Vorva, the subject transactions were posted Nov. 18, 2016 after the General Election in which both Price and Conzelman were defeated. Township records reveal a check issued by Edwards payable to Vantagepoint Transfer Agents, LLC, dated Nov. 17, 2016, was dispersed just

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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, sixth from the left, visited with Wayne officials including, from left, Fire Chief Michael Stradtner, City Clerk Matt Miller, Personnel Director/Asst. to the City Manager Carrie Venus, Community Development Director Lori Gouin, Firefighter Adrian Garduno, Firefighter Shaun Peck, City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Police Chief Alan Maciag, Fire Department Sgt. Robert Caccia, DPW Foreman Richard Lawrence and Firefighter Kevin Kimmel during her trip to view the Wayne Road Dam Removal project completed in the city.

Senator visits Wayne dam project

Two Wayne businesses received a very special visitor last week as U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow dropped in to touch base with small business owner and city officials.

Stabenow came to the City of Wayne last week to take a look at how more than a $1 million she fought for in Washington, D.C. was spent and dropped in at IKON Computer Solutions and Karma Coffee and Kitchen while she was in town.

Stabenow authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in 2010 which provided just over $1 million in funding for the Wayne Road Dam Removal and Habitat Improvement Project in the Rouge River near Wayne Road. The project, completed in 2013, reconnected approximately 121 miles of river and tributaries to the Great Lakes system for the first time in more than a century. The dam removal opened new opportunities for canoeing and kayaking and restored passage for a variety of fish, including trout, smallmouth bass, northern pike and walleye, according to ecologists.

Stabenow is now leading the bipartisan effort to stop proposals to eliminate funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative next year.

She joined representatives from the Alliance of Rouge Communities, the City of Wayne, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) last Friday at the site of the completed Wayne Road Dam Removal and Habitat Improvement Project.

"One in five Michigan jobs is tied to water. It is more important than ever to continue investing in the health of our Great Lakes and waterways," said Stabenow, co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Great Lakes Task Force. "This successful project is an excellent example of how Great Lakes funding is helping more Michigan families and visitors enjoy fishing, kayaking, and canoeing in the Rouge River."

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow stopped in to talk with Brian Ewanciw, owner of ICON Computers,above, and visited Karma Coffee and Kitchen where she talked with, from left, employee Sean Royal, owner Jennifer Romero, owner David Romero and employee Aaron Barton.

The Wayne Road Dam was built in the early 1900s along the Lower Branch of the Rouge River in the City of Wayne to provide water for firefighting. The 3-foot-high Wayne Road Dam no longer served a public purpose and acted as a barrier to fish and promoted the accumulation of sediment and debris behind the dam, officials said in an application for permission from federal authorities to remove the structure.

Removal of the Wayne Road Dam was a priority project for the Rouge River Advisory Council, which is committed to restoring the Rouge River. The

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6-month probe ends in arrests

A six-month criminal investigation by Canton Township Police into a high-end retail fraud operation ended in the arrest and arraignment last week of a Detroit pawn shop owner and one of his employees.

The investigation was a cooperative effort between the Canton department, Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, according to police. A search warrant was executed at the iPawn Shop on Eight Mile Road in Detroit on June 12, along with another warrant at the Commerce Township home of Gasswan Usama Gargis, 38, the owner of the shop.

Police said that more than $300,000 in new, in-box merchandise, including high-end electronics, kitchen appliances, generators and power tools were recovered, merchandise allegedly stolen from stores in southeast Michigan, including Canton.

"The defendants are allegedly responsible for thwarting approximately $300,000 from major big box retailers in the metro Detroit area. These charges today are the result of months of tedious and exhaustive work by the Canton Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy in a prepared statement. "This case should serve as notice that these wide-scale sales of stolen goods to pawn shop operations will be vigorously investigated and prosecuted in Wayne County."

Gargis was arraigned on multiple felony charges on Aug. 1. He is facing one count of conducting a criminal enterprise; seven counts of organized retail crime and six counts of receiving and concealing stolen property over $1,000. He also faces two misdemeanor charges. Gargis could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

An associate in the pawn shop, Trisha-Lynette Viado Razon, 20, of Orchard Lake, was also arraigned Aug. 1 on two misdemeanor charges and felony charges including five counts of organized retail crime and two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property over $1,000. She is facing five years imprisonment if convicted on the charges.

Judge Kenneth J. King of 36th District Court set both defendants' a $5,000 personal bond.

Canton - Northville

Athlete of the Year continues winning streak

When Janet Brady turned 50, she decided to take the advice of a dear friend she met during her 10-year employment at Canton Township Hall. Jerry Gawura, a volunteer at the senior center and Brady had become fast friends and she suggested that Brady participate in local senior athletic competitions, something she had been doing at the local, state and national levels.

Brady took her advice and now, at 59, she is one of the newest members of the Canton Township Hall of Fame and is no stranger to winning. The 25-year township resident also won the Canton Community Achiever award this year.

Last year, she received the National Congress of State Games Adult Female Athlete of the Year and was the first Michigan adult to receive the award. She won the 2016 Meijer State Games of Michigan Adult Female Athlete of the Year and in eight years participated in local, state, and national competitions to win 128 medals.

She was the Michigan Senior Olympics record holder for hammer throw for two years and is currently a Michigan Senior Olympics record holder for dead-lift for her weight and age class. She qualified for National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL and the State Games of America in Grand Rapids in 2017.

Her family, she said, is supportive of her competitive endeavors. She and her husband of 32 years, Kevin, are the parents of three adult children. Kelly is a pediatrics physician in Troy, Sean is a chef at Picasso restaurant group, and Colin is an Automatic Transmission System Engineer for Ford Motor Co. The family also includes a black Labrador mix named Tilly.

This month, Brady will be in the opening ceremony for the State Games of America. In 2016 and 2015, she received the All-Michigan Athlete for Meijer State Games in track and field. She received the 2016 Canton Community Support Award for all of her volunteer work in the Canton Community. At the 2016 National United States of America Track and Field in Grand Rapids, she received 7th place in hammer throw event.

When this Canton resident turned 50 in 2008, she said she wanted to challenge herself in many ways by adding different sports and different venues. She won 19 gold, six silver, and two bronze so far in Michigan Senior Olympics. She participated in track and field events (hammer throw, discus, shot put, javelin, long jump), horseshoes and volleyball at the Michigan Senior Olympics. She won 8th place in Javelin, 9th place in Shot Put, and 9th place in discus in the 2011 National Senior Olympics in Houston, TX. She won 3rd place in the 2013 National Senior Games in Horseshoes and 9th in Hammer Throw in Cleveland, OH. She competed in the 2015 National Senior Olympic in horseshoes in Minnesota in July and won a silver medal. She has received 128 medals; 80 gold, 34 silver, 14 bronze from Canton Western Wayne County Senior Olympics (WWCSO), MSO, USATF, Meijer State Games, Canton State Game and National Senior Olympics.

Janet Brady

Brady said she has made new friends and helped encourage others to become more active. She said she is dedicated to her sports and uses her knowledge and skills to help others.

Brady has organized several sporting events for the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics for Canton. She represented Canton Township in the WWCSO committee for many years and supervised various sporting events. She has lent other seniors her equipment so they can participate in activities. If she doesn't have any competition in her age group, she said she competes against herself to do better. Every year, she learns new things about herself and how to push herself to do better, she added.

Brady has received letters, special tributes, and certificate of recognition for all of her accomplishments in sports from Gov. Rick Snyder, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Michigan State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, U.S. Congressman David Trott, and Michigan State Rep. Kristy Pagan.

2 Northville schools win 'Lighthouse' honors

Five of only 18 Lighthouse Schools in the State of Michigan are now located in the Northville School District.

Winchester and Thornton Creek elementary schools have earned the Lighthouse School designation, based on based on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

Of the more than 3,300 The Leader in Me schools worldwide, Winchester is the 289th and Thornton Creek is the 342nd to achieve Lighthouse School status. There are 298 Lighthouse Schools in the United States, and just 18 in Michigan, including five in Northville - Moraine, Silver Springs, Ridge Wood, and now Thornton Creek and Winchester.

The Leader in Me is a whole-school transformational framework - developed in partnership with educators - that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on the principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness.

A Lighthouse Review Team from FranklinCovey Education, spent the day March 22 interviewing Winchester students, teachers, staff and parents; toured the school; visited classrooms; and reviewed data with students. Just 19 days later, Principal Kelly Lindsay got the call that Winchester is a The Leader in Me Lighthouse School.

"We are honored to become a The Leader in Me Lighthouse School," Lindsay said. "We have seen such amazing results from implementing The Leader in Me at our school, such as an enhanced school culture, and an increase in student self-confidence and leadership initiative."

The Lighthouse Review Team visited Thornton Creek May 24, and Principal Jennifer Bennett got the news that they are a The Leader in Me Lighthouse School on June 6. Students were surprised with the news at a special assembly on the last day of school, where students were showered with beach balls and enjoyed a treat of Kona Ice.

"It is a tremendous honor to be awarded the Lighthouse milestone," Bennett said. "Thornton Creek Elementary has a rich history of community service, educating the whole child, and a belief that everyone has genius that we were able to build on to achieve the Lighthouse status. The synergy that exists between our students, staff and families has created an environment of student empowerment and opportunities for students to reach their full potential. Although we are celebrating this work, we know that we will continue to evolve with the support of all of our stakeholders."

"We applaud the Winchester and Thornton Creek school communities for achieving the distinction as Lighthouse Schools," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "This is powerful work that brings students, teachers, parents and families together with a collective focus on learning in a way that unleashes the leadership capacity and potential within every learner. This work aligns with our district goals to foster a culture of learning and leadership in every school that empowers learners, develops leaders and fosters intellectual curiosity. We are pleased that each of our elementary schools is using this powerful framework to help guide their work."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24, 2017 for the following:

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

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SUMMIT ON THE PARK POND BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Local business faces discrimination lawsuit

The operator of a Tim Horton's Cafe and Bake Shop in Romulus has been accused of violating federal law when he refused to permit an employee to wear a skirt instead of pants in accordance with her religious beliefs. Attorneys for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) filed a federal lawsuit last week naming Sleneem Enterprise, LLC as the defendant.

In the suit, EEOC attorneys charged that employee Amanda Corley wore a skirt to work at the Tim Horton's Romulus location instead of the standard uniform pants. She did so pursuant to her Pentecostal Apostolic faith. When she attempted to present a letter from her pastor explaining why she could not wear pants, management refused to accept the letter and informed her she was fired, according to the court filings.

The conduct alleged violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which requires employers to provide reasonable religious accommodations to employees. The EEOC filed suit (Case No. 2:17-cv-12337 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan) after first attempting to reach a pre-litigation settlement through a conciliation process. The EEOC is seeking injunctive relief prohibiting Sleneem from discriminating against other employees who need religious accommodations in the future as well as lost wages, compensatory and punitive damages and other affirmative relief for Corley, according to a prepared statement.

"Sleneem's refusal to accommodate Corley and the decision to instead fire her were completely unjustified and unlawful," said EEOC Indianapolis Regional Attorney Kenneth Bird, whose jurisdiction includes Michigan. "It would have been simple to allow Ms. Corley to wear a skirt, and would not have negatively impacted the business in any way. Employers have an obligation to provide these types of reasonable religious accommodations, and when they fail to, the EEOC will step in."

The EEOC's Detroit Field Office is part of the Indianapolis District Office, which oversees Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and parts of Ohio.

Police seek witnesses in homicide

Michigan State Police investigators are asking anyone who may have information about an Aug. 3 homicide in Inkster to come forward.

Second District Special Investigation Section officers are continuing their investigation into the fatal shooting which occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m. Aug 3. at Fast Frank's Party Store. on Inkster Road near New York Street Aug. 3.

Investigators said that the preliminary investigation indicated that the victim, Hassan Ibrahim Tanana, 31, of Inkster, was shot numerous times during an altercation inside the store with a man described by witnesses as African American.

"Hassan is very well known in that neighborhood and especially to regular customers of the party store," said State Police First Lt. Michael Shaw. "He suffered from some mental disabilities and was known to sit outside of the store and ask for spare change to buy pop or other items inside of the store."

The victim lived in a group home near the store, located on Inkster Road near New York Street.

It is believed that the suspect was involved in a verbal altercation with Tanana, left the store and returned later confronting the victim in the store and shooting him. The victim was transported to Beaumont Hospital Dearborn where he later died of his injuries.

The suspect fled the scene after the shooting in a grey Dodge Durango, according to police reports.

"The suspect is also known to be a regular customer at the store," Shaw said. "We are hoping that the public will help us identify the suspect from the surveillance tape, before he hurts someone else."

Michigan State Police investigators are asking anyone who recognizes the suspect, suspect vehicle or witnessed the incident o call the tip line at 855-642-4847 (855-MICH-TIP).

Michigan State Police are hoping the public can identify this man wanted for questioning in a recent fatal shooting in Inkster.

Art entries accepted

Entries are now being accepted for the 8th annual Belleville Community Art Show.

The exhibit will take place Oct. 27 through 29 at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and is organized by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Entry forms are available at the Belleville Area District Library, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Yacht Club, Garden Fantasy on Main, the Professional Building, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Twisted Rooster and at Van Buren Township Hall.

There are adult, teen and children's categories and cash prizes are available.

There is an opening reception for the show planned for 7-9 p.m. Oct. 27. Public viewing of the entries and winners will take place from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Oct. 28 and from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 29.

Entry forms can also be downloaded at www.bacaartshow.org or artshow@bacaart.org.

For more information, call (734) 357-8000.

Battle for Belleville planned

Representatives of Yankee Air Museum and the Belleville Area Museum will team up at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 for the annual World War II Reenactment, The Battle for Belleville.

Military vehicles and re-enactors will caravan down Belleville Road and attempt to liberate the local history museum from Nazi troops. Both events lead up to the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, which takes place, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-3 at the Yankee Air Museum.

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 17/18-03 CDBG Project 16-24-03F - PARKING AREA ASPHALT WORK - WEST SIDE HUNT STREET

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the replacement of approximately 6,864 square feet of the west side gravel area of 11120 Hunt Street, Romulus Michigan with aggregate and MDOT 13A bituminous pavement as required by the bid documents.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) This project is a federally funded Community Development Block Grant project and shall comply with Executive Order 11246 dated 9/24/65 as amended and supplemented and in compliance with the Davis-Bacon regulations and current Wage Rate Determination.
(3) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ http://www.mitn.info/. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(4) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(5) For CDBG projects, each bid shall be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the form of a certified check, bid bond or cashier's check payable to the City of Romulus in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid. The guarantee of the successful Bidder shall be forfeited for failure to execute a contract and bonds within two (2) days after award by action of the City Council.
(6) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Monday, **August 21, 2017**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(7) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
(8) The CDBG Coordinator will make every effort to utilize small, minority-owned and/or women-owned business. Such businesses are encouraged to submit a bid and include verification of this status along with their bid.
(9) Federal regulations for CDBG funded projects require that the awarded contractor and any sub recipients/sub-contractors performing work under the project are encouraged to use of local businesses; small, minority, and/or women-owned businesses.
(10) Federal regulations, both CDBG and non-CDBG, make it very clear that sub recipients should make every effort to use local business firms and contract with small, minority-owned and/or women-owned businesses in the procurement process.
(11) Contractors must include a completed and notarized copy of their "Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension for Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program along with their bid. The City cannot award the contract to any company suspended or debarred or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment & Suspension."
(12) Please be advised that the time frame for the completion of the work is very short. The City must have received all insurances and bonds and copies of all endorsements required by the ITB documents and have the contract in place by August 31, 2017 with the awarded contractor and all work completed no later than Friday, September 08, 2017.
(13) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.
(14) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@romulusgov.com.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 17/18-01 COPIER/PRINTER STANDARDIZATION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Romulus, Michigan by issuance of this request for proposals (RFP) is seeking the services of an experienced and qualified company to provide the needed equipment and maintenance/management services to provide better services to users of the City's existing copiers, printers, and scanners while reducing current printing costs.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(2) A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 am, August 18, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Romulus City Hall located to 11111 Wayne Road. In addition to provided clarifications to the bid documents, this will be the only opportunity for vendors to view the City's facilities, existing equipment, staffing and locations of equipment prior to submitting a bid.
(3) Questions must be emailed to lconway@romulusgov.com and received prior to 12:00 noon local time, Tuesday, August 22, 2017.
(4) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.
(5) A total of four copies (one marked "Original" and three marked "Copy") of the proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., local time, Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Proposals should be addressed using the proposal label provided in the RFP documents.
(6) At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting bids, all timely received will be acknowledged as being received.
(7) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received.
(8) The City reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive irregularities.
(9) The Proposal is the Company's offer to enter into a Contract pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the Request for Proposal, its Exhibits, and Addenda. The proposal may not be withdrawn for and is binding on the Proposer for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.
(10) The successful Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements
(11) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@romulusgov.com.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 17/18-02 - Project #0155-17-0040 FIRE STATION SITE

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the Fire Station Site development project (ITB 17/18-02). The firm fixed price contract shall include the removing and relocating the existing concrete drive at Goddard Road, construction of a 13,250 square foot asphalt parking lot with concrete curb, concrete sidewalk, and bio-retention area. Solicitation of bids for this project in no way shall obligate the City to award a contract. No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on August 22, 2017. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 17/18-02 - Project #0155-17-0040 Fire Station Site
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 2:00 PM, August 7, 2017, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined and/or purchased (prepaid, non-refundable $55.00 for documents and additional $15.00 prepaid, non-refundable charge for mailing) from the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or can be downloaded from the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: http://www.mitn.info/. Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid will be required with each Bid. The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in bids. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the bids. Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist unless and until all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and an agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful bidder.

The project is federally funded Community Development Block Grant project and shall comply with Executive Order 11246 dated 9/24/65 as amended and supplemented and in compliance with the Davis-Bacon regulations and current Wage Rate Determination. The CDBG Coordinator will make every effort to utilize small, minority-owned, labor surplus area firms and/or women-owned businesses. Such businesses are encouraged to submit a bid and include verification of this status along with their bid. Federal regulations for CDBG funded projects require that the awarded contractor and any sub recipients/sub-contractors performing work under the project are encouraged to use of local businesses; small, minority, labor surplus area firms and/or women-owned businesses. Contractors must include a completed and notarized copy of their "Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension for Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program along with their bid. The City cannot award the contract to any company suspended or debarred or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment & Suspension."

Questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed to Marcus McNamara of OHM Advisors at 734-522-6711 or *marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com*.

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Wayne - Westland

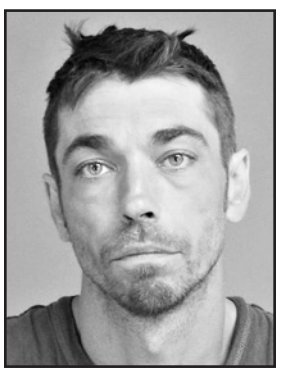
Suspect arrested in Meth lab operation

A 36-year-old man is due back in court today on charges he was operating a methamphetamine manufacturing laboratory in Westland.

Chad David Wicker, 36, was arrested by Westland police July 30, during an investigation of a suspicious activity at a garage near Glenwood Road and South Wildwood Avenue.

Police arrived at the location in the 34000 block of Decatur Court and discovered the suspected meth lab in the garage.

Personnel in HAZMAT suits from the Michigan State Police Methamphetamine Response Team dismantled the laboratory and assured local officials that the scene was no longer a danger to the surrounding community. Witnesses reported seeing officers remove what police described as "highly toxic" and "flammable" evidence from the garage.



Chad David Wicker

Wicker, described at the time by police as a "person of interest" in the investigation was arrested on an outstanding warrant he had with a nearby community. Further investigation by Westland police led to Wicker's arrest in connection with the drug operation. While Wicker was initially identified as a Garden City resident, court documents refer to him as homeless.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Wicker with operating/maintaining a methamphetamine lab, attempted possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and breaking and entering of a building with intent to commit a felony

"Methamphetamine is a very dangerous and highly addictive drug. The possibilities for large explosions are a great risk - especially in urban areas. The alleged activities of this defendant that were thwarted by witnesses and law enforcement potentially saved many lives," Worthy said.

Wicker was arraigned by video Aug. 2 before 18h District Court Magistrate David Wiacek. He was due back in court today before Judge Sandra Cicirelli for a probable cause hearing. His preliminary court examination is scheduled for Aug. 17, before Judge Mark McConnell in 18th District Court. Wiacek set his bond at $250,000 cash or surety bond.

Warm welcome

Jeremiah Webster receives congratulations from Mayor Susan Rowe after being named to fill to fill the vacant term on the Wayne City Council. City officials said about 15 letters of interest were received from residents interested in filling the council vacancy created last month by the resignation of Richard T. Sutton IV. Webster will serve as a member-at-large of the council until the term expires Nov. 12, 2018. All 15 interested residents were interviewed by the members of the city council and Rowe. Webster was selected following the 12th round of voting on the candidates. Officials said they were impressed with Webster's responses to several questions asked of all the candidates.

Diamond of Community sought

The City of Wayne Commission on Aging is seeking a Wayne resident who is 70 years or older and is still actively contributing to the community through volunteered services as a nominee for the next Diamond in the Community Award.

Nomination forms are available at Wayne City Hall in the front vestibule.

A plaque and cash award of $75 will be presented on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017 at the HYPE Recreation Center.

The sponsor of the award this year is Wayne Dairy Queen.

Senator

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Rouge River is one of 14 "Areas of Concern" in Michigan that were identified in the 1980s by the United States and Canadian governments as having severe, long-term environmental problems. The design was completed under a $57,500 Wayne County Rouge Program Office grant and construction and monitoring of the project was completed under GLRI funding through a NOAA grant of $1,033,536. The project also restored the river's natural channel and river banks.

"The Alliance for Rouge Communities and its 41 members truly appreciate the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and Senator Stabenow's continued support. GLRI funding provided through EPA and NOAA allowed us to restore the habitat in six areas within the Rouge River," said John O'Meara, principal engineer, Alliance of Rouge Communities.

"The Wayne Road Dam Removal and Habitat Improvement project is an excellent example of river restoration when federal, state, and local communities work together. ARC communities have worked together for over 20 years to restore the Rouge River. Senator Stabenow, EPA, NOAA, and the GLRI allow us to build upon our successes and improve the quality of life throughout Southeast Michigan," he added.

"Habitat restoration creates a big return on investment," said Julie Sims, Great Lakes regional coordinator, NOAA Restoration Center. "It's more than just better fishing-restoration projects can improve local property values, aid in flood control, improve access for recreation and add jobs to the economy."

According to the University Research Corridor, more than 700,000 Michigan jobs, one in five in the state, are tied to water.

Michigan projects have received more than $400 million in funding from the GLRI since its establishment. Michigan has an estimated 2,850 miles of coastal water trails as well as an estimated 1,280 miles of inland water trails. The canoe and kayak industry annually contributes $140 million to the state economy.

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Tickets: Contact Katie Dallos at: 734-697-1944 or kdallos@provide.net.

A cash bar will be available serving the latest varieties of craft beer now brewed on the campus of Wayne County Community College!

The BAM Fundraiser will be held at:
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Belleville, MI 48111
6:30-9:30pm

Canton - Plymouth

Field Day and Movie Night is tomorrow

Area residents are invited to relive those childhood moments of excitement, joy and friendly competition during the Third Annual Family Field Day and Movie in the Park. This family friendly event will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 in Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads.

Featured activities on the north side of Heritage Park will include classic favorites such as: potato sack races, shoe kicks, and distance throw. Families can also learn about fitness opportunities that take place throughout the year through the Fit Family Challenge.

"If you're looking for some friendly competition and summer-time fun, this is a great event to take part in," said Laura Mortier, Canton Youth Recreation Specialist. "Each year everyone looks forward to this popular outdoor activity that gets families to exercise together, encourages team spirit, and then follows it all up with a free movie in the park. What says summer more than that?"

Presented by Canton Leisure Services, the event is a great photo opportunity; so attendees are reminded to bring a camera to capture these fun memories. No pre-registration is required. Registration fees are $11 per family for Canton residents and $13 per family for non-residents and can be paid on-site; cash only, please. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase. The event is open to the public and all ages are encouraged to attend.

Following the Family Field Day events, a special showing of the DC Entertainment animated movie "The LEGO® Batman Movie" (rated PG) will take place outside in the park on the big screen starting at dusk. Individuals who are not able to attend the Family Field Day activities are still encouraged to attend the free movie.

Participants at the Annual Family Field Day and Movie in the Park enjoy the friendly competition in the Potato Sack Race.

For more information about Family Field Day and Movie in the Park, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Superintendent gets high marks

Students in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools weren't alone in having their performance graded. Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt also received an evaluation of her performance by members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

They gave Merritt a total score of 89.4 percent for her first year on the job. The evaluation was performed using a template provided by the Michigan Association of School Administrators and rated Merritt in five areas of professional performance: governance and board relations; community relations; staff relations; business and finance and instructional leadership.

Merritt was named to the top job during the 2015-2016 school year.

Payouts

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days before his required exit. Price and Conzelman received a combined deposit of $7,550.00 while Lozier and Hammye received a combined total of $11,850. The plan, allows employees to accumulate assets tax-free for medical needs when they retire. The township contributes a set amount monthly and employees are also allowed to make deposits.

"There has been no authorization for this (enrollment) and we can't find any justification. This program is for only qualified employees, and they also made it retroactive to their eligibility participation dates," Vorva said.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said the distributions made in Edwards' final two days in office did not meet established protocols and did not have board of trustees' approval.

Heise added he believes past practices likely allow for the deputies to accept the distribution benefits in accord with the HSA - the same plan offered to union employees -but said there was no policy or approval in place to entitle Price and Conzelman to receive the funds.

"The township has been working with our benefit administrator and attorneys to understand if any further action is required and should the funds be returned or are they legally entitled," Heise said.

Just months earlier, in September 2016 after his loss in the primary election, Edwards pushed the board of trustees to lower the retirement age and revise the current vesting period for officials' participation in the defined contribution plan.

His proposal called for employees with 5 years of seniority to be considered 100-percent vested or eligible for full pension benefits calculated on salary contributions during their employment.

Edwards argued the municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Defined Benefit Plan had a 10-year vesting schedule and used the used the Police, Dispatchers and Fire officers' contracts as an example.

If the board members had approved Edwards' proposal, it would have rewarded him by reducing the retirement age in the township to 60 from 65 and early retirement would be permitted at age 55. Under Edwards' proposed plan, Conzelman with 4-years seniority would have received $60,846 and Price $33,416 upon leaving office. The trustees postponed his motion indefinitely, without a set date for further review or vote.

Vorva would not say what action, if any, would be taken regarding the payouts.

Special solar eclipse viewing set

> *A group viewing of the eclipse is planned at Plymouth Township Park from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. Aug. 21.*

The entire area will be in the dark for a while Aug. 21, and the Plymouth District Library will make the momentous occasion a little safer for everyone.

A total solar eclipse will occur on Monday, Aug. 21 and will be completely visible only within a band across the entire contiguous United States and partially visible in the area of southeastern Michigan. The last time a total solar eclipse was visible across the entire contiguous United States was during the June 8, 1918 eclipse.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between Earth and the sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the image of the sun for a viewer on Earth. A total eclipse occurs when the apparent diameter of the moon is larger than the sun's, blocking all direct sunlight, turning day into darkness. Totality occurs in a narrow path across earth's surface, with the partial solar eclipse visible over a surrounding region thousands of kilometers wide, according to astronomers.

This eclipse is the 22nd of the 77-member Saros series 145, which also produced the solar eclipse of Aug. 11, 1999. The longest eclipse in this series will occur on June 25, 2522 and last for 7 minutes and 12 seconds.

This upcoming eclipse is the first visible solar eclipse from the contiguous United States in 40 years. Thanks to the support of the Bosch Community Fund, there are free eclipse safety glasses available for pick up at the front desk of the Plymouth Library, officials said.

Library staff members will also be at the Plymouth Farmer's Market from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 and have the free eclipse glasses available. There will also be hands-on activities for all ages that day.

A group viewing of the eclipse is planned at Plymouth Township Park from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Free safety glasses will be available while supplies last at the 4-Seasons Pavilion. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. Plymouth Township officials and the Bosch Community Fund are making this event, hosted by the Plymouth Library, possible.

For more information, visit plymouthlibrary.org. The library is located at 223 Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

Armed gunman robs Plymouth CVS

Plymouth Township Police are continuing to investigate the armed robbery of a CVS store which took place at about 10 p.m. last Saturday.

According to police reports, officers were called to the CVS at 40900 Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty at 9:58 p.m. Aug. 5 following a report of an armed robbery.

Witnesses told the responding officers that a man had entered the store just prior to closing and ordered the manger to lock the doors. The suspect then had the manager empty the cash registers into a plastic grocery bag while he restrained a second employee while brandishing a handgun in his right hand.

The suspect then ordered the manager and employee to walk to the office where he ordered the manager to open the safe and place all the bills into the grocery bag, according to police reports of the incident.

Surveillance photo

A witness, who was parked outside the store, observed the suspect exit the building and enter the passenger side of a blue SUV, possibly a Jeep. The driver was described as a black male. The vehicle left the parking lot traveling on Haggerty Road in an unknown direction, according to police reports.

Witnesses described the suspect as a black male, 6-feet tall and weighing about 190 pounds. He is further described as having a dark complexion, and medium build. At the time of the robbery, the suspect was wearing a green Michigan State University hooded sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his head, a white surgical mask, sunglasses and a baseball cap.

Police said the man took an undetermined amount of money from the store. Anyone who has information about the robbery is asked to call police at (734) 354-3274.

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Calendar of events

Anniversary dinners being served

Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village in Plymouth will continue to serve $10 prime rib dinners though the end of the month.

The dinners are a celebration of the 36 years the restaurant has served the community, said owner Rob Costanza.

Farmers market now open

The Canton Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 12 at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

This open-air-market features a variety of Michigan grown and made food as well as hand-crafted items. The Farmers Market will take place rain or shine.

Find the latest market information on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket.

Concert series continues

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by Tom Holzer Ford - brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville Town Square from 7-9 p.m. every Friday night through Aug. 25.

The schedule features music from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Representative for a Day essay contest now open

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth announced his essay contest for students in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The contest is open to students in grades six through 12. Students are asked to write a minimum of 250 words and no more than 500 on the topic "Why do you like living in Michigan?" Essays should be submitted by mail or email by Sept. 1 and must include student's name, address, email or phone number, school and grade level.

The winner will be announced on Sept. 18 and invited to Lansing to be a state representative for a day this fall. Essays should be sent to JeffNoble@house.mi.gov or N-699 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Identity theft protection discussed

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth has scheduled a consumer education event on identity theft at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, in partnership with the Michigan Attorney General's office.

The presentation will feature information on how to protect against identity theft and what steps to take in the event you become a victim of this crime.

"Identity theft is a serious issue that can negatively impact your credit and pocketbook," Noble said. "I want to provide this opportunity for residents to learn how to protect their personal information, both on and offline. The presentation will focus on best practices, how to recognize common warning signs of identity theft scams, and offer helpful resources should you need assistance."

There is no charge to attend the meeting at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Individuals looking for more information may contact Noble's office at (517) 373-3816 or by emailing jeffnoble@house. mi.gov.

Health Fair vendors sought

The Romulus Senior Center Annual Health Fair is now accepting vendors for the event planned for Oct. 10.

Health professionals can highlight their companies with the senior community. Table space rental is $100. Gifts to be raffled off are also being sought.

Set up will begin at 9 a.m. and the fair will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Senior Services Director Rose Swidan, (734) 955-4120 or email rswidan@romulusgov.com.

Lucky Duckys to race

The Rotary Club of Belleville will sponsor the annual Lucky Ducky Rubber Duck Race on Belleville Lake at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17, as part of the Annual Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville.

Entries in the Lucky Ducky race will cost $5 each, or five for $20 and all proceeds from ticket sales are used to help fund projects in the local community. Prizes for the winning ducks will include a $1,000 cash award to the first-place duck; $250 to the second place duck and $100 to the third place duck.

Each ticket purchased puts one lucky duck into the race of 1,100 rubber ducks in the lake at Horizon Park and winners need not be present to claim their prizes.

For Lucky Ducky race tickets, contact a Belleville Rotarian. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the race.

Sales of fewer than 500 tickets will result in a 50/50 payout.

Information about the Rotary Club is available at BellevilleRotary.org.

Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville set

The annual Belleville Bridge Walk will begin at Doane's Landing at Main and Liberty streets at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17. After the walk, the Taste of Belleville will take place on High Street from 6-8 p.m. Belleville restaurants will offer samples of their wares during the event which will also feature a Kids Activity Tent manned by the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation staff. There will also be a specialty game for kids provided by the Belleville Kiwanis.

The Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville are sponsored by The City of Belleville, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, Tucker Agency and Twisted Rooster.

Ride for Red Shield Saturday

The Annual Ride for the Red Shield, a fundraiser for The Salvation Army will begin with sign-in at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at 1258 Biddle Ave. in Wyandotte. Riders will depart from the Wyandotte Salvation Army at 11 a.m. and stop at the Plymouth office before ending at Bagger Dave's.

Registration cost is $30 per ride and $25 per passenger which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information contact Sandy Kollinger at (734) 453-5464, Sandra_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org or Janice Quick at (734) 292-0930, janice_quick@usc.calvationarmy.org.

Art entry deadline nears

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is now accepting entries for the 25th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, which will be on display Oct. 6 - Nov. 4. Entries for the exhibition will be accepted through Aug. 21. Michigan artists can enter their work online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Interested artists may also request entry form copies by calling The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at (734) 394-5300 ext. 8.

All media is accepted for the exhibition. Only digital image files on CDs or USB drives will be accepted for review. Work submitted on CDs/USB drives must be in JPEG format and 300 dpi. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet wide or 6 feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5-feet by 5-feet by 6 feet and 200 pounds in weight. Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A non-refundable entry fee of $15 for each submitted piece is required.

The competition will award $1,950 in cash prizes: Best of Show $750; Second Place $500; Third Place $300; two Honorable Mentions of $100 each and four Merit Awards of $50 each. The Postmark/Hand Delivery deadline for entries is Aug. 21. Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept. 8.

For additional information about the 25th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Belleville reunion planned

Belleville High School alumni have only until Aug. 26 to purchased tickets for the reunion planned for Saturday, Sept. 16 in the Belleville High School Commons.

A social gathering is set for 2-4:45 p.m. and dinner from 5-8 p.m.

Tickets are priced at $20 per person until Aug. 26 and will be $30 per person after that date.

Registration information is available on Facebook at Belleville HS Alumni Reunion.

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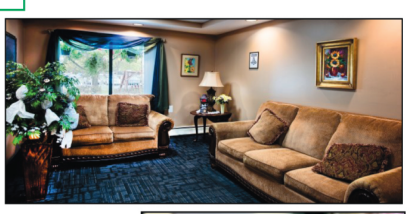

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